Of the Largest Printing Plant in the World, with Comments by the Wayside-Necessity for a Change in the Head, as the Tail Wags the Dog. Statistics

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The Government Printing Office has long been one of the principal sight seeing landmarks of the nation's capital. There is no other capital of any country in the world that has a similar institution, and there is no other printing office on the globe half so large. The aggregate expenditures by the Government for this department alone amounts to \$4,000,-000 per annum. Of course, the labor roll absorbs the greater portion of this appropriation-about three-fourths-so that Uncle Sam may be said to be the greatest employer of printers in this circling world. And despite politics, favoritism, world. And despite politics, favoritism, or other handicap, our uncle has the most competent compositors on earth. It was not always thus, however, and this recalls the fact that the late James Bergin, while foreman under Benedict, the men laid off—see."

"And you believe this larry story from the office, do you?"

"Well, its good enough to use to Congressmen or others trying to put men to work here whom we don't want, and it shuts off Democratic blatherskiting about discrimination in the matter of the men laid off—see." or other handicap, our uncle has the invented the check, or slip, which soon weeded out the incompetent and indifferent typos. Bergin was foreman of the composing room of the Columbus (Ohio) Sunday Capital, published by the present editor of The Globe. He was a thorough printer, but his unfortunate appeor intoxicants more than neutral-

This slip, or tab, on the compositor is a simple though ingenious device, which enables the foreman to ascertain the number of ems set up in a given time by each of the hundred or more compositors in his division. Its use compelled the doctors and lawyers in embryo to give up their cases or stick type steadily during their eight-hour shift. It had heretofore been the practice of a certain number of the compositors to bring a law, medical, or other book to the office and while away the time between "takes" reading Blackstone or Galen or Buffalo Bill! And as they were paid then, as now, by the day (of eight hours), time rolled along pleasantly enough until pay day. There was no distinction made between the conscientious compositor who put up a fairday's work and the would-be doctors and lawyers. As stated, this snap is now in the" hell box" with all the other "pi" of former administrations, and the present force of printers earn their wages like little men.

A visit paid the establishment one day This slip, or tab, on the compositor is a simple though ingenious device, which

A visit paid the establishment one day the past week forms the subject of this excerpt; it will be supplemented later on by further observations of a similar character. The Globe is not in a comcharacter. The Globe is not in a commendatory mood this week, but even if our digestion was perfect, there are things in the printing office calling for criticism. In the first place, we found "Mikado" Ricketts absent. He was attending the Civil Service Commission, so we were informed. It was not stated whether he was photographing the rewhether he was photographing the remarkable group forming the commission or was just returning a call, a la ambassa-dors. At all events the big establishment was running without him, of which re-markable fact we promptly made a note. Thereason we dub Mr. Ricketts "Mikabecause he is the "whole thing, Public Printer Palmer being at literatively a disappearing guncarriage; and because the printers see Mr. Ricketts once in a while, but there are few of them acquainted with Mr. Palmer. If this is not sufficient, the name can be changed on application at The Globe office to Little Bauercap. The Globe was received very cordially by Chief Clerk Collins, and notwithstanding that there is too much Collins in the Government departments, we favor the retention of the gentleman at the printing office even if the others have to walk the plank. Mr. Collins furnished The Globe man a guide and some printed statistics, omiting all advice as to the manner of the write-up. This admonished us that Mr. Collins knew his business and was the right man in the right place, even if he is

The printed statistics don't agree exactly with what a single observant eye can see in a tour of the building. For can see in a tour of the building. For instance, the statistics don't state that a few good looking girls could be found gossiping and embroidering, while all the homelyones were working up to their full horse power capacity. Mr. Thomas Peter, the one year old married guide, blushed furiously in taking us past these ladies, but subsequently explained that it was unusually warm weather. that it was unusually warm weather. And we found it so in going through the stereotype foundry and the bindery. The typos have comparatively cool and well ventilated rooms, but we have seen much more comfortable shops and work rooms in the Ohio penitentiary than the suffocating and crowded quarters where the bindery employees, male and temale perspiring, work for Uncle Sam. As for the stereotype foundry, we got out of that portion of the establishment by admonishing Mr. Peter that it was—lunch hour! If we hadn't gotten out, The Globe would be late (a week or two) in going to press. This would have been a stereotyped article on the Government Printing Office, full of statistics, com-monplace, and eulogy, if the memory of that sweat box didn't haunt us and if hadn't something better to write

Mr. Peter was very conscientious in explaining every detail, from the print-ing of the engrossed bills in the com-posing room to an introduction to a tellow Corkman named Burns, Mr. Burns may resent being called a Cork-man—this is a matter of taste—but that e is a competent superintendent of the book binding department is a matter of fact and history which he will not and others cannot deny. He complained of having to pack his eight or nine hun-dred hands like cold storage eggs and send batches of them to the library and other buildings, where they are at presother buildings, where they are at present working. Inasmuch as nearly all females in his department work by the piece, the ladies were on a full drive; no talking and no embroidering. They average three dollars each per day, which goes to prove that women, when they so desire, can provide and eare for hey so desire, can provide and care for oving husbands and sympathetic Corraling a printer who looked like a growler on the outside of the building, I

sked:
"Taking a day off?"
"Not much; I am inspecting this new yesterday at Marshall Hall.

rinting office, without salary or compensation. I am a Democrat, and it a Democrat sneezes in there Ricketts cuts his head off. Why, they have only twenty men now on the night force, and the day force is several hundred less than it ought to be."

"How is that?"
"I expect Ricketts is waiting for Republican 'comps,' to come along; anyhow, with the census printing to do now he ought to have four or five hundred more hands."

Repeating this conversation to one of the intelligent foremen in the composing

the intelligent foremen in the composing room, he confidentially unbosomed him-"You see, that fellow is talking through his roof. The census printing isn't ready yet, or at least we haven't got it, although we suspect that we ought to have it by this time. It is the belief in there," and he pointed at Ricketts' room, "that the Director of the Census is taking out his revenge for being balked in his efforts to have Congress authorize him to contract for the ing balked in his efforts to have congress authorize him to contract for the census printing with outside parties. The director stated, it appears, that he could have the printing done more expeditiously and satisfactorily by an outside firm. Now, this is absurd, as you can see your elf, for this is the greatest establishment in the universe in the printing line."

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But how is the Census Director "taking,out his revenge? Why, by holding back the copy until he thinks it will overwheim or embarrass us when it is all dumped in in one lot. You see, by the census law he must deliver to Congr ss by July, 1901, the four divisions complete of the 12th census. It isn't stated, I believe, whether it shall be the printed volumes or the finished copy, and it is therefore discretionary with the Director."

"And you believe this fairy story from

the men laid off—see."

We went one eye on the foreman's information, and saw all if not more than he desired. Any ordinary printer, and even an ordinary printer is intellegent, as he has to be, can easily ascertain for himself, by a cursory visit to the Census Office, that its two or more thousand employees are working night and day, and

ornee, that its two or more mousand employees are working night and day, and as busy as the proverbial nailors. The work for the printer is not ready and will not be for some time, and every effort known to expert slave drivers is being resorted to by the rival section chiefs, to expedite the work, and make a record for themselves at the expense of ixed his exceptional qualifications as a

senility and indifference are being utilized by an irresponsible subordmate to further his own interests; nor is it any excuse that the actual work of the department is being performed equally as well by Mr. Ricketts. Four years as head of the Government Printing Office is a princely reward for the average politician, when it is taken into account that more than one million dollars worth of more than one million dollars worth of material is purchased annually, and that the sweepings of the gold leaf used in the lettering of the bound volumes net more than six thousand dollars per an-

It would be unjust in writing of the printing office to omit credit for the quality, and, indeed, the quantity of the work turned out. It is a conviction in work turned ont. It is a conviction in the printing craft of its supremacy in the family of trades. Whether this is acknowledged by all is irrelevant at present, but it is certainly a tribute to the intelligence and efficiency of the government typos that the work of the big plant goes merrily and sys-temetically on, Palmer or no Palmer, head or tail, and that no private print-ing office can produce any finer and of ing office can produce any finer, and, of course, not a third of the printed matter daily turned out by the three thousand government printers' From Mr. Collin's statistics we quote the following disposition of the three thousand odd employment the office. ees of the office:

Executive Offices. Main Composing Room, Bindery...... Main Press Room... Job Press Room. Job Composing Room . Stereotype Room...... Specification Room..... olding Roo arehouse ... Chief Engineer's Division. Branch in Treasury Department..... Branch in Department of the Iuterior Branch in Navy Department...... Branch in Department of State . Public Document Division.

Miscellaneous Divisions ..

The number of presses in use is 127, the output of which is 1,000,000,000 impressions per day of eight hours. Among these presses is one capable of printing cards on both sides from a web of bristol board at the rate of 65,000 cards per hour. Also two envelore presses, the output Also two envelope presses, the output of which is 9,500 printed envelopes each

The total horsepower of the engines is 900; the boilers, 1,200. The sizes of the electric generators are one of 300 kilowatts, one of 187 kilowatts, and one of 125 kilowatts. There are 219 electric motors in use, having an aggregate of 692 horsepower.

The quantity of type in use is about 1,500,000 pounds, or 750 tons.
There are in the present building 9,000 electric lights.

The Sunday Globe will visit the establishment again when the impression of

lishment again when the impression of this last one has had the edges rounded off, Meantime we will keep an eye on the concern and tab events as they develop, until Mr. Palmer retires to enjoy his—nsernet.

### The Business Men.

June 4th has been selected as the date for the outing of the business men at Chesapeake Beach. The following named gentlemen comprise the committee of arrangements: R. P. Audrews, chairman; J. A. Burkart, Chapin Brown, M. A. Ballieger, J. Blake Kendall, F. H. Neumeyer, Harry B. Parker, N. Wallenstein, James F. Scaggs, J. A. Straight, Harry Bulkley, secretary.

The Washington board of underwriters enjoyed their annual shad feast

# HOME RULE.

The Crying Necessity and Undeniable Right of the District.

## THE NORRIS-JONES SITUATION.

The District National Committeman-His Legitimate Leadership and the Untenable Position of the Opposition. A Call for 3 Harmony and Municipal Government.

If the Americans visiting Europe this summer were to state in Paris, London, or Berlin that there is a portion of the United States where men are born and die who are not citizens of the United Sates, such statements would be received with incredulity, as foreigners are aware that it is only the convicts in our state penitentiaries who are disfranchised. If informed, however, that over three hundred thousand people residing In the Regulations for the Collection at the seat of the National Government were not only disfranchised but absolutely ruled over by imported politicians, commissioners, judges, and administrators from other states, the Furopeans would shrug their shoulders and perhaps remark "not capable of self government or they would revolt." This is precisely what any other people would do but Americans born and resi-

dent of the District of Columbia. Warsaw, the capital of ancient Poland; Dublin, the capital of the Emerald I-le, have home rule government, and the citizens of those cities name their local rulers, despite the fact that Ireland and Poland are subjucated countries, under to the requirements discovered that the finally found a government job. I was

Motives that would move an ague's frost Shall nerve the coward's arm to resistance?

If the gang of revolutionary leaders who expend their vitality in a vain, seless, and ridiculous fight against that peerless Democrat, Mr. James L. Norris, member of the National Democratic Committee, would direct their efforts in a movement to establish home

ment for Washington.
While the desire for local independence is not confined, The Globe is happy to state, to any one party, and many prominent Republicans are as eager as Democrats to secure the blessing, nevertheless, an influential, trained, and experienced leader like Mr. Norris, whose services standing and social position in perienced leader like Mr. Norris, whose services, standing, and social position in this city commands universal respect, should not be embarrassed or handicapped by the insurgent and frivolous opposition of repudiated or pretentious leaders, minus all the qualifications, including the suffrages of the Democrats of the District for the positions they assume to occupy. Chairman Jones, of the National Committee, is unwittingly encouraging, aiding, and continuing this distressing state of affairs by his unaccountable position in an unjustifiable procrastination of definitely and officially settling the status of Mr. Norris as cially settling the status of Mr. orris as the acknowledged leader of the legiti-mate Democracy of the District. There is no question as to Mr. Norris being a member of the Democratic National Committee, as such he has officially acted and the delegates regularly elected have also acted on the different commit-tees appointed by the National Conventees appointed by the National Conven-tion, but the absurd and unfounded claims of insurgent leaders are being legitimatized by Chairman Jones every day he neglects and has neglected sub-mitting the concocted and baseless trumped up allegations of repudiated individuals for final and permanent set-

Mr. Jones is or must be aware of the

following situation of affairs in this city: In October, 1898, the Democratic Cen-tral Committee of Washington selected Mr. James L. Norris as candidate for the National Committee from the District of Columbia to succeed Lawrence Gardner. deceased; as against the combined forces of Mr. William Holmead and Mr. Edwin Newman, who originally entered the field as rival candidates, but ultimately combined their forces against Mr. Norris. Beaten here, the gentlemen named carried the fight to the National Committee, where, after investigation, Mr. Norris was indorsed as legitimately selected, and he was thereupon elected a member of the National Committee. To confirm the action of the National Committee, the Central Committee of the District met, the Central Committee of the District met, and notwithstanding that it was composed of friends of Messrs. Holmead and Newman, it unanimously endorsed the action of the National Committee. Harmony now reigned, and everybody supposed, and, indeed, were as ured, that no such controversy would arise again. But at the expiration of the few remaining months of Mr. Gardner's term it became necessary to elect a National Committeeman for the full term of four years, and the primary elections were held to select delegates to the city convention. Out of twenty-two legislative districts, Mr. Norris carried twenty, and had ten out of fourteen thousand votes. had ten out of fourteen thousand votes. In any other portion of the country such an overwhelming endorsement would be

to him as an impartial chairman, especially towards a man who has been his friend in season and out of season—lought his battles and stood boldly up

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As stated, this mysterious action of Mr. Jones, while it do s not affect Mr. Norris' standing officially as the District of Columbia member of the National Committee, it does affect and prevent that harmony here which is so necessary to secure our franchisement as non-

to secure our franchisement as nonvoting citizens and as tax-paying serfs,
ruled by Presidential importations.

Ambition is dead in the breasts of our
young men, who see no future of usefulness or honorable career in the service of
their fellow citizens in the city of their
birth. In all other cities, villages, and
hamlets of this broad continent youth
looks forward to the twenty-first birthday as the greatest event in their existence, for on that day they become citizens and peers in the mightiest republic
this world has ever seen. But in the
capital of the nation the youth of twentyone, as the grey-haired sire, are political
eunuchs and helots in the land of their
birth.

Organizations in every legislative district, irrespective of party, should take this matter in hand and units in a move-ment to obtain from Congress the in-alienable right of self-government for the District of Columbia and the city of

## IS THERE A "COMBINE

of Ashes?-A Grievance Which Should Be Abated.

the receptacle in which the ashes must be a handle." Householders who provided and fed at the family table. the heels of foreign tyrants. The tree man and the Pole can sneer at the Washingtonian and ridicule his serf-like considerable in the free land of his birth.

sels and permitted the asnes to account the late. On inquiring the cause of this neglect they were informed that the neglect they were informed that the were deposited were not of the required standard. It then developed that the ashman alone could turnish the right receptacle, and that a thriving trade was being conducted in the sale of these "official" receptacles to the unsophisticated householder. Many citizens indignantly resented being compelled to purchase these utensils from the street and alley cleaning representatives, but

back with galvanized iron. Ornamented handles of cow horn elaborately chased and a lid of tanned goat hide will complete the new invention, and house-holders are admonished against the repetition of their fatal error in having made or of purchasing these recepta from any other firm or person than the flicial ashman. Each of the new articles will be stamped with the Commissioners' names in old Roman letters, and one other are genuine or will be recognized by the all powerful and ubiquitous

ashman. Seriously, of the many absurdities the Seriously, of the many abstract the District form of government as administered by the present Commissioners has inflicted upon a helpless population, this imposition of an "official" ash receptacle c'imatically takes the bun. In every city in the civilized world householders have the inalienable privilege of furnishing box or harrel or any other kind of an ing box or barrel or any other kind of an ash receptacle for the deposit of ashes, etc., and the street and alley cleaning departments file no objections so long as the receptacle can be conveniently handled and its contents dumped into the ash cart.

The Sunday Globe contents itself for the present with directing the Commissioners' attention to the suspicions which these official ash receptacles arouse in the minds of the householders that there is a "combine" which controls their manu-facture and sale, and that some person or persons drawing salaries from the ernment are interested in the

### His Tale of Woe.

"Say, Mr. Officer, I want you to "pull" an assignation house on 10th street near the avenue," said a middle aged, respectable looking man, about midnight, to an officer with whom a reporter of the Globe was conversing.
"What's up—have you a warrant?"

"No, I have no warrant, but the house ought to be raided.'

one dollar for rent of the room. In a jiffy the girl darted out of the room, down the stairs, and out on the street, on old 'Dad' Ryan the first time the two jiffy the girl darted out of the room, down the stairs, and out on the street.

Norris as their colleague on the commit-tee and are ready to so declare him that girl I'll send her to a hespital in that girl I'll send her to a hospital in when ever they meet.

Therefore, Jones or no Jones, Mr. Norris is a bona fide member of the National Committee; but Mr. Jones' part in the affair is anything but fair and creditable the avenue street walkers.

Hard Luck Stories as Related by Colonel Cole Martin and Others.

### USING GRAINS OF CORN FOR CHIPS

Bull" Simmons's Experience as Banker in a Poker Game-Old Dad Ryan, the Noted Western Gambler, and His Encounter With Col. Martin in a Single-Handed Game of Draw Poker-The Red Grains of Corn Dad Tried to Play When Only White Ones Were Issued.

In a small party of old-time Washington acquaintances one night the past week Col. Cole Martin and the wellknown horseman, John "Bull" Simmons, competed in friendly rivalry with "hard-luck stories," embracing their personal experiences as well as their personal knowledge of early triends who had seen the vicissitudes of fortune. Said Mr. Simmons:

Numerous complaints are being made | "I landed in New York City from Engby householders of the imposition in- land early in 1861, after a two months' flicted on them by Section 12 of the regu- voyage on a sailing vessel. I walked lations issued by the Commissioners aimlessly from New York to Philadelgoverning the removal of ashes. The phia looking for work. Not finding any section referred to describes the size of in the Quaker city, I tramped to Baltimore, and lived royally on the road, for deposited, and provides that the said re- in those days tramps were unknown, ceptacle must be made of "metal, with and the wayfarer was kindly taken in

themselves with receptacles to conform "In Baltimore work was scarce, but I ash collector neglected emptying the ves. to receive \$20 per month and rations as a laborer. With many others I was sent down near Harper's Ferry, and there set to work felling trees, loading and unoading cars, etc. In a few months we had a pay day, and, of course, we got up a game of cards. I was the banker, and n lieu of chips I issued grains of corn The game proceeded in great shape, and I raked in handfuls of the chips. It struck me several times that the pile of corn the bank was piling up was becom ing suspiciously large, but being a greenhorn, and not up to the ways of the country, I continued the game. Indeed it wasn't at all safe for me to discontinue, forts in a movement to establish home rule government for the city of Washington they would earn the commendation of the rank and file, instead of being ostracised or outlawed, as they are at present, by not only the local but the National Democracy.

Mr. Norris has national standing as a Democrat sans peur et sans reproche, and if aided instead of misrepresented and abused by would-be leaders, would be the ideal chief to lead a united fight for home rule and municipal government for Washington.

and alley cleaning representatives, but their stubbounness melted away before the accumulation of as the grim, humor of the ash collector, who carefully each morning inspected the rising pile and smiled sardonically as he mentally calculated the exact time when the "striker" would see tor terms and purchase an official metal receptacle.

The attention of the Commissioners is called to the well-defined rumor that the "combine" now intend to change the form and size of the ash receptacles. It is alleged that the winter ash receptacle is entirely unsuitable for a summer delication of wasn't at all safe for me to discontinue, as my patrons were a rough crowd, and had me completely terrorized. Finally "Big Mike," a red-faced, brawny Irishman, cashed in, and made quite a hole in my bank roll, but what surprised me or chise an official metal receptacle.

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has the record in that vicinity.
Of course, I subsequently ascertained, as I got accustomed to the ways of the country, that if I had had the strongest country, that if I had had the strongest National bank in the country at my back it would have been broken, as the players had an unlimited supply of chips from a corn-crib in the neighborhood." When the laugh at Mr. Simmons's unsophisticatedness had subsided Col. Cole Martin remarked:
"Old 'Dad' Ryan, one of my early sporting companions way back in the 50's, had a hard-luck story which to this day discounts all the tales I have heard of like character, and, as you know,

of like character, and, as you know there have been millions born since I passed my threescore and ten. 'Dad' struck a small town of sporting proclivistruck a smail town of sporting proclivi-ties out in Illinois in '52 when I was run-ning a bank in St. Paul. One day I re-ceived a message from him to send him \$50 and get him out of the place. When 'Da.' arrived in St. Paul he related the following story of his experience in the Illinois town: 'I had only a few dollars,' said Dad, 'when I landed in the place, and, of course, I hunted up a game. I found one, and the dealer was using grains of corn for chips. I had passed a corn-crib before entering the gambling house, so after awhile I made an excuse corn-crib before entering the gambling house, so after awhile I made an excuse to go out and take a short walk, as my head ached. I promised to return and play the game. Well, sir, I bolted straight for that crib, and running my hand in between the rails I grabbed a large ear of corn. It was quite dark, and I was confident nobody saw me. I shelled the corn in the dark and filled my pockets. Returning to the game I my pockets. Returning to the game I took a seat at the table and made ready to 'bust' the bank. As I laid down my first bet the dealer looked up in surprise

and quietly remarked:
"Say, stranger, where did you get
those red chips? The bank has only is-

"'And there, sure enough,' said old Dad,' 'I had planked down red grains of corn, the ear I happened to lay my hands on in the crib being a red one. I stayed in that town until the 400 bushels of corn in the crib had been loaded up for market; and by the lord Harry, Cole, it was the only red ear in the whole 400 bushels."

bushels.'"
One of the party who knew "Dad"
Ryan and Col. Martin 'n their younger
days, here related a pretty good story ilinstrative of the "diamond-cut-dia-Instrative of the "diamond-cut-dia-mond" principle which prevails among the patrons of the green cloth. "The Colonel, who has just left us for

In any other portion of the country such an overwhelming endorsement would be a final settlement, but the opposition to Mr. Norris refused to abide by this decisive repudiation of their fellow Democrats, and actually again carried the controversy to the National Convention where, for lack of time to investigate their outrageous claims, it was referred to the National Committee for final consideration and settlement.

Chairman Jones has played "last and loose" with this reference of the National Convention, and despite the wishes of the District Democracy and the best interests of the party, he has managed by methods which reflect no credit on a man holding his exalted position in suspending the matter and preventing the National Committee from promulgating an official declaration, though individually they recognize Mr. Norris as their colleague on the committee and are ready to so declare him.

next day. It should be stated that the game was played about 12 miles from the town in a kind of an open basement, as the proprietor of the hotel, while willing to entertain sporting men, absolutely prohibited gaming on his premises. "The Colonel, in looking around the building where he was 'skined,' noticed the roof over the basement, and perceived several cracks in it. This gave him an idea of how to get even, as 'bad' had won by the aid of a confederate located in rear of and above the Colonel's seat at the little table.

"Proceeding to town the Colonel hunted up a friend who had been broke by Dad, and from this friend he learned who the celebrated poker player was he had been up against. When night fell the Colonel and his companion rode to the outhouse, and in the loft, above the two men, with the aid of tools they had brought along for the purpose, made an opening wide enough for a person hidden in the loft to command a view of the small table underneath, and of the players' hades. Attaching a string to the small table underneath, and of the playsmall table underneath, and of the play-ers' hands. Attaching a string to the rafter, the end of which hung down along the wall, where the Colonel stood a fish-ing rod on its end and to cover his de-sign, he left his companion with a blanket and tood in the loft and return-

ed to town.

"The next morning bright and early Dad was on the lookout for Col. Martin, and with Dad's brother-in-law the three men started for the out-building in a buggy to renew the game. The Colonel took his seat at the small table, and by a dext rous move of his foot entangled i'in the string, thus establishing, unobserved, communication with his man in ed to town.

a dext rous move of his foot entangled it in the string, thus establishing, unobserved, communication with his man in the loft. Giving the line a tug with his foot to ascertain if his confederate was on the alert, the Colonel's heart was gladdened by a return signal.

"And now the game proceeded. Whenever Dad had a superior hand the string remained passive, but when the Colonel's hand was the superior one, a vigorous tug admonished him to 'go in.' The brother-in-law could not help Dad, as the Colonel made it a condition he should sit between them where he could see him. Dad was getting decidedly the worst of the game, and when the Colonel cailed him and won a king high, he lost his nerve and went to plunging or 'blufing' worse than ever. But the Colonel steadily called every 'bluff' of Dad's, and beat him on the show down. On his last \$100 bill of a bank roll that had reached up in the thousands, Dad bet on two pairs with a certainty of taking the pot, but the string was jerked so hard as to pull the Colonel's foot from the floor, and his three trays won the last pot and broke the sedoubtable Dad. As the Colonel's the colonel's foot from the floor, and his three trays won the last pot and broke the sedoubtable Dad. and his three trays won the last pot and broke the redoubtable Dad. As the Col-onel's foot was raised from the floor Dad's brother-in-law shot from the table like a rocket, and, mounting to the loft, discovered the Colonel's confederate with the string still in his hand. He shouted

"'Here, Dad, is a fellow with a string n his hand.' He was promptly aaswer-d by Col. Martin, who, raising his foot, Yes, and here is the other end around

gambling was prohibited by Congress. We had many patrons among the mem-bers of the lower House and a few Sena-tors, but among them all a gentleman representing an Alabama district was at ling was prohibited by Congress. once the most inveterate and the most methodical gambler I ever met or dealt cards for. Every evening he appeared at the house and took his seat at the table. He rarely ever spoke, but devoted his whole attention to the play. He was a true gambler, as he never exhibited the slightest emotion over his hibited the slightest emotion over his winnings or losses. And he had losses, too, for those days of high play. But the peculiar thing I desire to relate about him was this: No matter whether he was thousands behind or to the good, when 12 o'clock midnight arrived he rose from the table, tossed off a drink, and left the room for his carriage around the corner. He lived out at Bladensburg, and night-ly his driver appeared on the minute for him. No inducement nor excitement could detain this peculiar player one minute after 12 o'clock. I have seen his fellow members and even some Senators beg of him to tarry an hour, half an hour, even 15 minutes, but all to no pur-

"I discovered that he was very wealthy and that he had a young wife whom he tenderly loved. To her he had promised on his marriage that while it was not on his marriage that the bound of the bound

### Guard Ream of the County Jail on the Editor.

"I see The Sunday Globe is to be out omorrow," said Guard Ream of the unty jail to a Globe reporter. "Yes-glad to learn so many people

know of it and are anxious to see the paper," answered the scribe.

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"Well, if they knew your editor as well as I know him there would be more anxiety about The Globe,"
"How is that?"

London, May 5.—Sir Michael Hicks-Beach declines to consider the removal of the sugar tax, on the ground that the workingmen who favored war must expect to help pay for it. " How is that ? "

"Why sir, he will write up anything or anybody who deserve it, and he doesn't care whether they kill or send him to prison, he is used to it."

What, used to being killed?"
"Pretty near that, but certain he isn't afraid of libel suits. I knew him in Ohio-in fact, I turned the key on him a

"Oh, come now, that's strong isn't "Not if you know all about it; of course, I don't mean he was arrested that many times, in fact, he was arrested but

once, and that lasted long enough, about eight years—with a very close call on the electric chair. Still he did right, or what ninety nine out of one hundred men famer of his family."
"How many libel suits did he have in

Columbus?"
"None that I ever heard of. You see he is very particular to have his facts be-fore publishing anything. He adopts Davy Crockett's motto, 'first be sure you are right, then go ahead, and that's your editor to a t. y. He can find more news than a dozen reporters, and write more matter than half a dozen editors. He was the acknowledged leader of 'em all or I'll have h'm up in the county jail-if he doesn't get killed, and there is not one lion. In a few hours the Colonel bad dropped a few thousand dollars, the play in those days being high and small fortunes won and lost in a night. The Colonel 'smelt a mice,' however, and dropped out of the game on the plea that he had to go into town, but would be back

# TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

The Great Fire in Jacksonville, and Loss of Property.

### CHIEF HAVEY GOES INSANE.

The Scheme of Li Hung Discovered-Interesting Happenings from all Quarters of the Earth.

specia' cable to The Sunday Globe. Pekin, May 6.-Li Hung Chang, it is charged, has been unmasked in an attempt to get up a collation among the powers against German pretensions, based upon the unwarranted punitive expeditions of the German commanderin-chief, Count Waldersee. The Chinese statesman made tempting offers to the representatives of the other powers here, out on the advice of the American representative, Mr. Rockhill, Li endeavored to withdraw his proposals as but mere suggestions of what could be accomplished by isolating any one of the powers who persisted in obstructive tactics. It is freely asserted that Russia was at the bottom of the proposed deal.

### Breezy Meeting of Irish Party.

Dublin, May 5,-The Irish Parliamentary Party held a breezy meeting in this city to-day. Mr. John Redmond referred o the recent close vote in the House and the absence of twenty-odd members of the Irish Party, whose votes, if they had been present, would have reduced the government's majority to almost the regulation figure. He intimated that because of this unfortunate absence the contemplated tour of the United States to collect funds for parliamentary agita-tion would be seriously handicapped and might have to be postponed.

### The Jacksonville Fire,

Jacksonville, Fla., May 4. - (Special) It is impossible as yet to give the full list of casualties, owing to the confusion that reigns, but it is known that six lives were lost in the dire, and scoras of njuries have been reported.

Hundreds of pounds of powder and a Hundreds of pounds of powder and a great deal of dynamite was stored in the building. Ten minutes after the flames reached the store there was a sudden roar, and the whole building collapsed like paper. Cartridges began to explode this life he has been one of the squarest sporting men who ever handled a card."

"One of the most peculiar experiences I have had in Washington since my residence here some 30 odd years ago," said another member of the group of listeners, "was while I was dealing for Col. Martin when he ran the game on the Avenue near Fifteenth street before gambling was prohibited by Congress,

the street on hre.

Chief Haney of the fire department has gone insane, and several firemen are fatally injured. The estimated loss is placed at \$8,000,000. The people are temporarily dazed by the conflagration and

Woodbury, N. J., May 5.—Eighty-year-old George Bird, who was deaf, was de-capitated by a Cape May train while crossing the tracks near his home. His wife and daughter saw him killed.

Chicago, May 5,-The Ingersoll Memorial Association, just incorporated, proposes to raise by subscription \$100,000 to build a temple in this city in which the teachings of the agnostic shall be perpetuated. The association will elect its officers next week.

Melbourne, May 5.—The flagship Brooklyn, with Admiral Remey on board, has arrived at Hobson Bay, to participate in the ceremonies attending the opening of the first Federal Parlia-ment on Monday.

Woodcliff, N. J., May 5.—Guttenburg boys placed a stuffed figure of a man apon the trolly car tracks hear here. The motorman on a fast approaching car, seeing it, set his brakes, throwing all the passengers from their seats. Many of

Seoul, Korea, May 5.—McLeavy Brown, British Director of Korean customs, has been dismissed by the Government, and the British Minister has made strong

Yokohama, May 5.—Mrrquis Saiouji has been appointed Acting Premier. All the Ministers save Finance Minister Wa-tanbe have resigned.

Manila, May 5.—The Board of Health census shows Manila's population to be 244,732.

Rome, May 5.—Forty thousand emigrants are booked to leave Italy for the United States this month. Berlin, May 5.-The Lloyd and Ham-

burg-American lines will transport all exhibits for the Fire Apparatus Exhibition from New York free of charge. Havana, May 5.—A large quantity or Madrid lottery tickets have been seized on board the Alfonso XIII., from Corunna.

Paris, Mny 5.—The correct figures for the Chinese indemnity are \$327,000,000, Madrid, May 5. - Many were wounded and some, it is believed, killed in a ter-rible fight that followed the invasion, by Anarchists, of a Catalonist meeting at

Barcelona. Constino de, May 5. The Imperial Ottoman Bank is about to make a payment of \$500,000 to the Cramps as the first in-

stallment on claims, Savannah, N. Y.—John M. Hill was drawn into the machinery of his flouring mill and instantly killed.

Little Curent, Ont., May 5.-While the steamer Germanic was taking off the crew of the tug Tecumseh the tug found-ered off Gore Bay Light. The Captain, his sister, and Mr. Forbes, of Toronto, perished.

Southhampton, May 5,-The Shamrock II left her pier this morning for her first spin. Sir Thomas Lipton was present with designer Watson. The St. Louis passed her, and the American passengers examined her with much interest. The Shaurock went aground. No damage.